

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly comprising at least a first and a second item of cutlery made of resilient plastics material, one of said items of cutlery being a knife having a blade, wherein each item of cutlery has a cylindrical handle and wherein the handles are shaped such that they can be nested with each other and wherein, when in such a nested condition, the handle of first outermost item extends more than half way around the handle of the second item, thereby grasping the handle of the second item, whereby the items are held together in firm engagement in the nested condition.

2. (Previously Presented) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 1, which includes a third item of cutlery and wherein, when in the nested condition, the handle of the second item extends more than half way around the handle of the third item thereby grasping the handle of the third item, whereby the second and third items are held together in the nested condition.

3. (Original) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the handles of at least two of the items of cutlery are hollow.

4. (Previously Presented) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the items of cutlery has a slit running along the length of the handle of said at least one item.

5. (Previously Presented) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knife has a rib forming an extension of the blade that extends along an inside of a hollow handle of the knife.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Previously Presented) A cutlery set assembly as claimed claim 1, wherein the handle of the knife tapers towards an end of the blade of the knife to expose a sharp edge of the blade.

8. Previously Presented) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein part of the handle of the knife extends over at least part of the blade of the knife.

9. (Withdrawn) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein each item has a neck between the handle and the rest of the item, said neck being part cylindrical in cross-section.

10-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Previously Presented) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein surfaces of adjacent handles engage when nested, a resilience of walls of the handles keeping the cutlery set assembly together.

13. (Withdrawn) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 12, wherein engaging surfaces of the handles are textured to further resist slippage of the handles when nested.

14. (Withdrawn) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein a diameter of an outside of the handle of the second item is greater than an internal

diameter of a hollow handle of the first, outermost item when the handles are in an unnested condition.

15. (Previously Presented) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the items of the assembly include a knife, fork and spoon.

16. (Withdrawn) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein resilient plastics material is polypropylene.

17. (Withdrawn) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the items of cutlery are formed by injection moulding.

18. (Previously Presented) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the handle of each item of cutlery nests or is nested by the handle of another item of cutlery of the set.

19. (Previously Presented) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the handles of the items are coaxial when nested.

20. (Currently amended) A single-piece cutlery knife, made of resilient plastics material, having a blade end and a handle end, the knife comprising:

a blade at the blade end ~~having a blade~~;

a ~~handle end having a hollow, substantially cylindrical handle~~ at the handle end,
the handle having an inner surface, the handle extending from the handle end of the knife towards the blade end of the knife; and

a rib forming a continuation of the blade, the rib being joined to the inner surface of the hollow handle and extending from the blade of the knife centrally along the inner surface of the hollow handle.

21. (Previously Presented) A knife as claimed in claim 20, in which the hollow, substantially cylindrical handle has a slit running along a length of the handle in parallel to a central longitudinal axis.

22. (Previously Presented) A knife as claimed in claim 20, wherein the handle end tapers toward the blade end to expose a sharp edge of the blade.

23. (Currently Amended) A cutlery set assembly comprising a first, a second and a third item of cutlery made of resilient plastics material, wherein each item of cutlery has a cylindrical handle and wherein the handles are shaped such that they can be nested with each other and wherein, when in the nested condition, the handle of the first, outermost, item extends more than half way around the handle of the second, next inner, item thereby grasping the handle of the second item, whereby the first and second items are held together in the nested condition and the handle of the second item extends more than half way around the handle of the third, innermost, item thereby grasping the handle of the third item, whereby the second and third items are held together in firm engagement in the nested condition.

24. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 23, wherein the first item is a knife having a blade and the second and third items each have a slit running along the length of their handles and wherein the blade of the knife is ~~shaped to be located~~ in the slits of the second and third items when the items of the cutlery are in the nested condition.

25. (Cancelled).

26. (Previously Presented) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 4, wherein the knife has a rib forming an extension of the blade and being joined to, and extending along, an inside of a hollow handle of the knife.

27. (Cancelled).

28. (Previously Presented) A cutlery set assembly comprising a spoon, a fork and a knife having a blade as items of cutlery and each made of resilient plastics material wherein each item of cutlery has a cylindrical handle, wherein the handles are shaped such that they can be nested with each other and wherein, when in such a nested condition, the handle of an outermost item extends more than half way around the handle of an inner item thereby grasping the handle of the inner item, whereby the items are held together in the nested condition, wherein the knife has a rib forming an extension of the blade that extends along an inside of a hollow handle of the knife and wherein the handles of the spoon and fork each have a slit running along the length of its handle and the slit of the spoon handle lies in register with the slit of the fork handle when the handles thereof are nested with each other so that the slits receive the rib of the knife, the handle of the fork and spoon being nested within the handle of the knife.

29. (Previously Presented - Withdrawn) The cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 28, wherein a head of the spoon and/or fork has a thicker cross-section than a cross-section of the spoon handle and/or fork handle.

30. (Previously Presented) A cutlery set assembly comprising a first, a second and a third item of cutlery made of resilient plastics material, wherein each item of cutlery has a cylindrical handle and wherein the handles are shaped such that they can be nested with each other and wherein, when in the nested condition, the handle of

the first, outermost, item extends more than half way around the handle of the second, next inner, item thereby grasping the handle of the second item, whereby the first and second items are held together in the nested condition and the handle of the second item extends more than half way around the handle of the third, innermost item thereby grasping the handle of the third item, whereby the second and third items are held together in the nested condition, wherein the first item is a knife having a blade and the second and third items each have a slit running along the length of their handles and wherein the blade of the knife is located in the slits of the second and third items when the items of the cutlery are in the nested condition and wherein the blade of the knife includes a rib joined to and extending along an inside of the handle of the knife and the rib is located in the slits of the second and third items when the items of cutlery are in a nested condition.

31. (Previously Presented) A cutlery set assembly comprising at least a first and a second item of cutlery made of resilient plastics material, one of said items of cutlery being a knife having a blade, wherein each item of cutlery has a cylindrical handle and wherein the handles are shaped such that they can be nested with each other and wherein, when in such a nested condition, the handle of a first outermost item extends more than half way around the handle of the second item, thereby grasping the handle of the second item, whereby the items are held together in the nested condition, wherein at least one of the items of cutlery has a slit running along the length of the handle of said at least one item, wherein the knife has a rib forming an extension of the blade and being joined to, and extending along, an inside of a hollow handle of the

knife, and wherein in the nested condition, the rib of the knife is located in the slit extending along the handle of the at least one item of cutlery.